Setting up of power generating company by SAIL

884. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Steel Authority of India Limited has any proposal to set up a power generating company in the joint sector to feed the power requirements of its Steel Plants;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether the surplus power would be distributed to the public in those areas ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) intends to set up a power generating Company at Bhilai, in the joint sector to feed the power requirements of Bhilai Steel Plant. Two Memoranda of Understanding (MOU), one between SAIL and National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) and other between SAIL, NTPC and Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board (MPEB) have recently been signed.

(c) The proposed power plant is expected to meet the power requirements of Bhilai Steel Plant as well as feed the MPEB System for meeting the requriements of other consumers in the region.

IISCO modernisation programme

885. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY :
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN :

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state the latest position of the modernisation programme of the IISCO ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : Government are comitted to the modernisation of IISCO. Due to fund constraints, possibilty of private sector participation in the modernisation of IISCO is being explored. In this regard, the Government had constituted a Committee of Experts (COE) to explore and make recommendations for private sector participation.

The COE is likely to submit its recommendations to Government in January, 1993.

Modernisation of Steel Units

886. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the MINISTER OF STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) what is the progress of ongoing modernisation programme in steel units of SAIL and modernisation proposal for other public sector units, unit-wise;

(b) the provision of funds made for modernisation of steel units under SAIL, during 8th plan;

(c) whether there is a proposal to privatise some chronically sick steel units under SAIL, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what is the estimated demand of steel during 8th plan period and how it is proposed to be achieved ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) The details are given below :

(i) *Rourkela Steel Plant* : RSP modernisation scheme is being implemented under two phases. Phase-I is scheduled to be completed by July, 1993 and Phase-II by December, 1995. All the 9 indigenous packages of Phase-I have been ordered and are progressing generally as per schedule. For Phase-II, orders for all the 15 indigenous packages and 5 global packages have been finalised and are under progress generally as per schedule.

(ii) *Durgapur Steel Plant* : DSP modernisation is being implemented through 16 packages (6 Global packages and 10 indigenous). Out of these, orders for 14 packages have been placed and these are under various stages of implementation. Orders for balance indigenous packages are yet to be placed. The modernisation work is scheduled to be completed by March, 1993 as approved. Out of 14 ordered packages, work on 2 packages and 3 part packages have been completed and the balance packages are under advance stages of completion. All the works of modernisation are likely to be completed